

SENATE BILL 661
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 12; Title 13; Title 26; Title 39; Title 40; Title 43; Title 45; Title 47; Title 49; Title 54; Title 56; Title 59; Title 62; Title 64; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to use of electronic media for public notice advertisements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Agency" means any department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government created or established by the constitution, by law or pursuant to law, including local governments, the legislative branch and the judicial branch.

(2) "Governing authority" means "governing body" as this term is defined in § 8-44-102(b)(1), and includes the board of directors of any not-for-profit corporation authorized by the laws of Tennessee to act for the benefit or on behalf of any one or more counties, cities, towns and local governments and created pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, title 7.

SECTION 2. Any person, agency of government, governing authority, or official who is required by law to publish any notice may, upon finding that such method of publication is a more effective way to give notice to the public, publish such notice by radio or television broadcast, cable television, or other electronic media. A copy of the text of the notice shall be published on the electronic web site of the agency, authority, or official and of the electronic media source. The electronic web site notice shall be maintained in the archives of each electronic web site for at least two (2) years from the date of publication.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.